GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AIRCRAFT WITH AIR INDIA INDIAN AIRLINES
ANANDRAO ADSUL;TRILOCHAN KANUNGO

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aircraft with the Air India and Indian Airlies at present;

(b) the details of the aircraft that are in operation and lying idle due to unserviceable with each airlines;

(c) whether there is a proposal to increase the passenger and freight-lifting aircraft of Indian Airlines and Air India;

(d) if so, the details thereof, airlines-wise; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be increased?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b):- The fleet of Air India and Indian Airlines/ Alliance Air consist of 23 aircraft and 55 aircraft (including four on dry lease) respectively at present. All the aircraft in Air India and Indian Airlines fleet are in operation.

(c), (d) and (e): Since Air India is being disinvested shortly, they have decided not to purchase new aircraft at present. Instead, they have taken 4 A310-300 aircraft on drylease with a view to augment its routes and passengers carrying capacity. These aircraft have already joined Air India fleet. Indian Airlines has invited bids for dry lease of four A-320 aircraft to meet its short term capacity requirement. The bids were opened on 29th June,2001. Four offers were received and the same are being examined by an in-house Committee. Alliance Air has also issued advertisement on 2nd July, 2001 for Global tender inviting bids for lease in of 6 ATR 42-500. Five leasing companies have responded to the tender notice. The offers received are being examined by an in-house Committee.